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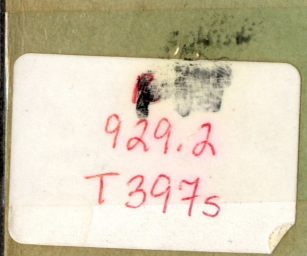
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EARLY THORNTON RECORDS

I. JOHN THORNTON (birth date not known) died 1788.
II. JOHN THORNTON (born about 1758, died 1816 near Selinsgrove, Pa.) His wife was Magdelina Witmer, 1766-1847, and children were John, George, Henry, Peter, Susan & Sam.
III. JOHN THORNTON (1788-1846) married Catherine Swartz and moved by wagon from Snyder County, Pa. in 1840. Children were David, Samuel, Mary and Susanna.

SAMUEL THORNTON'S FAMILY

Samuel Thornton was born in Union County, Pa. July 18, 1824, married Mary Ann Kepler (who was born August 11, 1827 near East Liberty) on April 14, 1845. The couple lived in the old brick homestead on Turkeyfoot Channel until April 9, 1857 when they moved, with six of their children, to the 206.97 acre farm which centered at what is now the corner of Main and Thornton Streets in Akron.

Samuel died July 15, 1877 and Mary Ann, January 5, 1910. Their eleven children and grandchildren who grew to maturity, are:

AMAIS Feb. 10, 1846 - April 25, 1920 - married Lucinda Reeser.
Viola (Thomas Price) Willis W. (Emma Overholt) Freeman (May Green)

ELIZABETH May 3, 1847 - March 23, 1913 - married John Steese.
Jay (Elsie Tucker) - Daisy (John Horst)

VIANNA Dec. 11, 1848 - May 18, 1913 - married Cornelius Guise.
Nellie (William Smith) Newton (Laura Thomas)

AARON Nov. 14, 1850 - May 18, 1922 - married Alice Baum
Bessie (Russel Robison) Harvey (Bertha Diehl)

MATILDA Jan. 6, 1853 - Dec. 3, 1935 - married Winfield Youtz
Amy (Austin Vanderdol) Nora (John Schneider) Iva (Ray Dallas) Blanche (Charles Hageman) & DeWitt Shader) Clairmont

CYRUS June 24, 1855 - Feb. 15, 1945 - married Alta Allen
Mabel (Harry Dellenberger) Russell (Eva Smyers)

JOHNNY June 1858 - Nov. 21, 1858

HOUSTON Oct. 1, 1849 - Feb. 2, 1908 - married Minnie Wuchter
no children

J. MILTON Feb. 9, 1862 - Apr. 20, 1946 - married Jennie Francis
Frances (Fred Freeman) Parke H. (Maud Hall) Cliff (Florence Sykes) Gladys (Charles Pake)

ELLEN April 27, 1864 - March 30, 1935 - married Charles Jones
Pearl (Harry Brubaker) Howard

BELLE Sept. 28, 1866 - May 17, 1925 - married Houston Reninger
Ruth-Marie (Howard Turner)

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THE THORNTON STORY

The year 1840 was a memorable one for this section of Ohio because it was the time of the founding of Summit County. After a long fight with adjoining counties, Portage gave up ten townships, Medina four and Stark two to form Summit. It was so named because it carried the highest level of the Ohio Canal, which joined Lake Erie to the Ohio River, and therefore was situated on the Continental Divide so that waters of the northern part flowed to the Atlantic Ocean and those of the southern section ended up in the Gulf of Mexico.

All townships, excepting Franklin and Green are five miles square and were a part of the Connecticut Western Reserve. This land, a 60-mile ribbon, was claimed by that state through a grant by the King of England and was supposed to cut across the Continent. This strip rested on the 41st parallel, which is the southern line of Coventry Township. It is about a quarter mile north of Turkeyfoot Golf Course.

About 25 years before the county's beginning, the Rex people came from the East and became interested in the region around the lakes. On August 24, 1816 George Adam Rex acquired a N. E. quarter section of Franklin Township through a land Grant signed by President James Madison. Later Grants were signed by Andrew Jackson, until Rex owned a square mile - 640 acres. Some of the Rex folks still live in the neighborhood and claim there were four brothers of Adam, and between them they controlled 4,000 acres in the area. One of them built the State Mill. Little wonder that we have a Rex Lake and a Rex Hill.

About 1820, Rex built the Stage Coach House at the point where Route 619 crosses Turkeyfoot Channel, a part of which still stands and the Summit County Historical Society claims it is the second oldest building in the county. Rex catered to the folks who travelled from Pittsburgh on the Ohio River to Sandusky on the Lake. Two wings of the brick structure have been torn down.

Before the Canal was put through Rex had built a dam in the Channel and used the water power to operate a mill he built. In later years the channel was narrowed under the bridge and the Thorntons built a fishery. A couple logs were thrown across and boards driven down, with two openings left to slide in the nets, one for upstream and the other down. The travelling finny tribes were almost compelled to get into the nets. Often a half bushel of fish could be emptied on the bank next morning. Sometimes a traveller would stop and carry away the catch or an imprisoned turtle knawed a hole in the net and allowed all the fish to follow.

John Thornton, 1788-1846, married Catherine Swartz and there were four children: David, Samuel, Mary and Susanna. His father, also John, died in 1816 near Selinsgrove, Pa.

In 1840, the family, by wagon, moved from Snyder County, Pa. to the newly formed Summit County, Ohio. John purchased from the estate of George Adam Rex the northern half of a full section - 640 acres which Rex secured from the government through Land Grants signed by the presidents. Three of these original Grants, for a quarter each, are in posession of great-grandchildren of John Thornton. One dated August 24, 1816 was signed by James Madison, and two signed by Andrew Jackson were dated Nov. 2, 1829 and Nov. 18, 1833.

The property took in all the land bordering both sides of the mile long Turkeyfoot Channel, and in addition some frontage on Turkeyfoot Lake, the West Reservoir and Miller's Lake. Years ago a Mr. Lahm, a French Balloonist, purchased land west of the Channel and started the Turkeyfoot Island Club. That section is now a fine residential area.

The land east of the Channel has become the location of the 27-hole Turkeyfoot Golf Course owned by the great-grandchildren of John; and the land has never been controlled except by Rex and the Thorntons.

In April 1857 Samuel Thornton purchased the 207 acre farm which centered at South Main and Thornton Streets from John R. Buchtel, the founder of Buchtel College, for $15,000 and moved, with six of his children, to the Akron location. This farm was allotted later and extends from South to McCoy and from Coburn to Grant Streets. The five-acre Thornton Park was donated to Akron in 1865.

THE WILL OF JOHN THORNTON

From the WILL of JOHN THORNTON, (1787-1846) Book one, page 135, in the Probate Court Office, Akron, Ohio, Summit County, Dated June 15, 1844. Isaac Fries and G. A. Falor, Witnesses. Probated August 4, 1846.

I give and bequeath to my youngest son Samuel Thornton the Plantation we now reside on in Franklin Township, containing about 300 acres and also to said son Samuel all the live stock, horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, etc. by me owned and kept on said Plantation; also all the household and kitchen and other items not particularly named and otherwise disposed of to my widow in this will.

Thirdly: I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Catherine, two Rooms in the House on the said Plantation and wherein we now live and her choice of said Rooms and also the privilege of a part of the cellar and such Household and Kitchen Furniture as she shall choose necessary for use. Also the use of two Cows, which said Cows shall be kept on said Plantation by my son Samuel, his heirs or assigns. Also, he, the said Samuel or his Executors, administrators or assigns shall annually deliver from the said Plantation to the said Catherine two hundred weight of Pork, one hundred weight of Beef dressed and prepared as she shall choose to receive the same. Also, Flour, Coffee, Tea and Tobacco necessary and sufficient for her use. Also of all kinds of fruit that may grow on said Plantation as much as she needs for her own use, also, such clothing as she may need from time to time during the natural life of my said wife. She shall also be kept and taken care of if she shall become weak, feeble or sick so that she should not be capable to take care of herself, by the said Samuel, his heirs or assigns, and further the said Samuel Thornton shall at all times furnish her, the said Catherine, a Horse and a one-horse wagon or conveyance if she wishes to use the same. He, his heirs or assigns, shall also pay her annually the sum of Thirty Dollars out of said Plantation, during her natural life and she is also to have part of the garden and after the death of my said wife Catherine, all the property hereby devised and bequeathed to her as aforesaid or so much as then may remain unexpended shall be and remain the property of my said son, Samuel, his heirs or assigns, forever.

Fourthly: I devise and direct that my said son Samuel Thornton shall pay five hundred dollars out of and for the Plantation before devised and bequeathed to him, one year after my death as follows:

Two hundred dollars to my son David Thornton, and two hundred dollars to my daughter Mary, wife of John Gaugler, and one hundred dollars to my grandchild Sarah Houser if she arrives at the age of eighteen years, but if the said Sarah Houser should die before she arrives at said age of eighteen years, the said hundred dollars shall remain in the hands of said Samuel and his heirs.

Fifthly: I devise and Bequeath unto Samuel Gaugler, the husband of my daughter Susanna the following lot of land lying and situated in Franklin Township, County aforesaid, the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section Twelve, Township two of Range Ten, containing forty Acres of land and the said Samuel Gaugler shall pay out of and for said Land two hundred dollars in one year after my death as follows: One hundred dollars to my son David Thornton and one hundred dollars to my daughter Mary, wife of John Gaugler, and

Lastly: I hereby constitute and appoint my brother, Henry Thornton, to be the Executor of this my last Will and Testament, revoking and annulling all Wills by me made; ratifying and confirming this, and no other, to be my last Will and Testament.

In testimony hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifteenth day of June, one thousand, eight hundred and forty four.

John Thornton. "SEAL"

Some data about

THORNTON PARK

Samuel Thornton purchased the 206.97 acre farm centering at Main and Thornton Streets from John R. Buchtel, founder of Buchtel College (Akron University) in 1857 for $15,000.

In 1865 he sold a half interest in the 94.66 acres which were east of the railroads to George Steese for $7,099.50. This transaction is recorded Dec. 15, 1865, Page 11, Book of Deeds #56.

Summit County Plat Book No. 1, Page 78, shows the Thornton and Steese Allotment. This took in nearly one-half of the old Buchtel farm and it extended from McCoy Street about a half-mile to South Street and from the railroads to Grant Street. It includes the lots on both sides of McCoy and Grant Streets but only those on the north side of South.

Pleasant (Thornton) Park is shown on the Plat as being 9.30 Chains on Thornton and Eagle Streets and 5.375 chains on Washington and Grant Streets. A chain being 66 feet, makes the dimensions 613.8 by 354.75 feet and therefore very close to five acres of land.

The deed for the Park was recorded June 25, 1866 and was signed by Samuel and Mary Ann Thornton and George and Rebecca Steese. Witnesses on the document were H. Paul and Lizzie Thornton. Paul was a surveyor and Lizzie was the eldest Thornton daughter. She was eighteen and two years later married John, the elder son of the Steeses. Stipulations in the transfer of the park were that it must always be used for Public Park purposes and further that Washington Street be opened across the deep Wolf Ledge to Exchange Street. In 1865 none of the streets from the railroads to and including Spicer had been bridged across the Ledge. In later years a storm sewer replaced Wolf Run and the Ledge was filled up.

On the record books the railroads were called by names that seem quite queer today. One was the Atlantic & Great Western. This later was termed New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio, and finally the Erie. It was a broad gauge road as the rails were six feet apart. The other carried the name Cleveland, Zanesville & Cincinnati. It became Cleveland, Mt. Vernon & Columbus; then Cleveland, Akron & Columbus before joining the Pennsy System.

The Thornton & Steese section, taking in all the land east of the tracks, was the first Allotment of the old Buchtel farm. The other parts were allotted in 1868, '69 and '70 while the half-mile strip north of South Street, and 354 feet wide, from Main Street to the Ohio Canal, was laid out in 1874. This latter included Russell Avenue.

Grandfather Thornton was only 22 years old when his father, John, died and he became the owner of the 350 acre farm on Turkeyfoot Channel, and Lake, and the West Reservoir, and was but 33 when he bought the Buchtel farm and moved, with six children, to Akron in 1857.

GRANDMA

THORNTON

Grandma (Mary Ann Kepler) Thornton was born near East Liberty, August 11, 1827, married Samuel Thornton April 14, 1845, and died January 5, 1910. She was never happier than when she was giving something to or helping others. It might be vegetables from her big garden or placing a sizable coin in the hand of a grandchild. Even our Court of Appeals Judge, Oscar A. Hunsicker, who often visited his uncle, Elmer Gault, who once lived in the stone part of the old Main Street homestead, knew her well and called her "Grandma." Edith Corsen, who lived in the Kohler home at the sharp peak of Main Street and Broadway (now Hackett Street) and who later became Mrs. John H. Wagoner (Mr. Wagoner the founder of the Wagoner & Marsh Shoe Store) told of going diagonally across Main Street every day to play with the Thornton girls. There was a stairway at each end of the 80-foot long home and the girls would chase up one end and down the other with no complaint coming from Grandma.

The writer may possibly be the only grandchild who ever met Grandma's mother, who was then Mrs. Miller (her first husband, Kepler, having passed away) and great grandma Miller lived in southern Summit County.

Adjoining the Main Street home on the south was a large lot which was plowed every spring by one of her boys and Grandma said she always felt better when she could get out in the sun and sweat in raising all sorts of vegetables in the big garden.

Always a hard worker, she roasted her own coffee in her big, wood-burning kitchen range. A long wood chest along one side of the room made a seat when guests overflowed available chairs. That kitchen was more of a living room.

Forty feet to the rear of the home was a long brick building with three divisions -- the first called the Spring house in which a long tank was supplied with cold running water, from an adjoining wind-driven pump. This cooled milk, cream, etc. Next was the wash house with open fireplace and swinging iron kettles which were in use weekly and at butchering day, in the Fall, it was the center of a bedlam of work. The bakery and wood shed completed this important house. The big brick oven was heated for hours and then the fire raked to the ash pit and the bread loaves and pies were pushed in to supply the big family for another week.

Grandma loved to sit and visit with her sisters who called. Among them were Aunt Kate Shaffer (Mrs. Samuel) and Aunt Lovina Ritter (Mrs. Henry). They would smoke their stone, reed stemmed pipes, and talk in Pennsylvania Dutch.

THE JOHN R. BUCHTEL FARM

The 206.97 acre farm, which centered at that, now prominent, corner of our growing city, was purchased by grandfather Samuel Thornton from John R. Buchtel, founder of the College which is now University of Akron, April 10, 1857. The deed is recorded in the Summit County Book of Deeds, #32, page 338, and shows the purchase price to have been $15,000. The land takes in quite a large section of the city and today, with all the improvements on it, is worth hundreds of times the 1857 price paid.

In the belief that all members of our family should have an idea as to the extent of the old Farm, a rough description of its boundaries is added and this should be preserved and handed down to future generations.

The southern limit of the land is a straight line formed by South Street and with the narrow 354 foot strip, west from Coburn Street to the Ohio Canal, makes that boundary over a mile in length. Going east along South Street the land extended far enough to include the lots on the east side of Grant Street. All of Russell Avenue, with lots on both sides, was laid out from the 354 foot strip.

The northern boundary took in the lots on the north side of McCoy Street from Main Street to Grant Street. Also in the farm were lots on the west side of Main Street almost to Cross Street and on both sides of Coburn Street to Thornton.

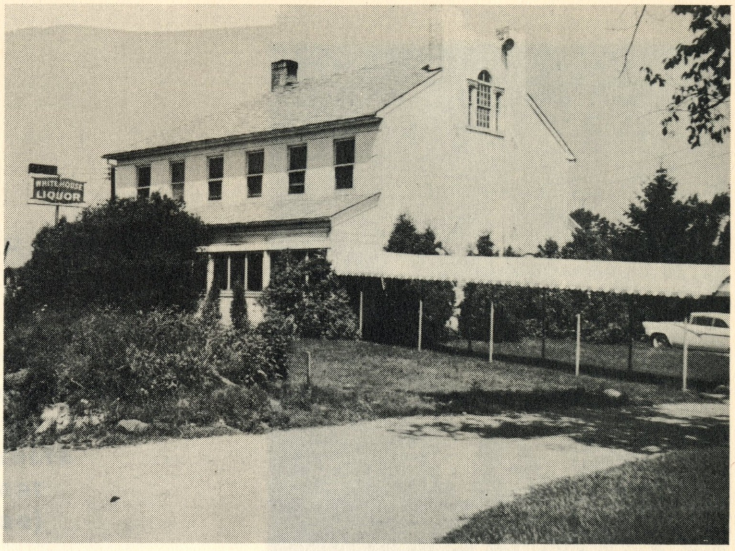
It is understood that the new East-West Freeway will take the lots on the north side of South Street, west of Main, to the Canal, and all on the south side of Russell Avenue.

Grandfather Thornton was about 22 years old when his father, John, died in 1846, and left him with the management of the 350 acre farm which borders on four different bodies of water -- Turkeyfoot Lake, both sides of the mile-long Channel, West Reservoir and Miller Lake. Yet, eleven years later he was able to finance the purchase of the Akron farm, to which he moved with six of his children. He must have been a pretty thrifty Pennsylvania Dutch farmer. In another twenty years he passed away, but not until he had given farms to seven of his children and city property of equal or greater value to the other three.

THE HANKEY HOME

This photo taken around 1912, points north-east and shows in the foreground the north-west corner of Thornton and Main Streets. The Simon Hankey home is in the middle front. Further back is the flatiron shaped Kohler Home on east side of Main Street and built right up to the lot line of Main and Broadway (now Hacket) on the other side. The old #4 Fire Station adjoins the Kohler lot on the north. Simon Hankey had a lumber yard on the west side of Main between Jackson and Falor Streets. It ran west to the Ohio Canal where boats brought all the lumber. There was a large planing mill and windows, sash and doors were made there.

The Hankey Home brings to mind his fatal traffic accident. It shows we had them long before the automobile came. Simon Hankey, along with many others, was a lover of fast horses. Our roads were unpaved, sandy, dusty and muddy -- but with the help of winter snows and Jack Frost, they often became as smooth and slick as the best of today. Driving west of Akron, Simon's horse got out of control and ran away, overturning the cutter (sleigh) and the end came. Similar casualties were not uncommon. East Market Street, with homes of wealthy Akronites on both sides, was a veritable speedway and the scene of many a race. The steel runners of the sleds polished the surface to a glare and the calks on the horses' shoes had to be kept sharp to prevent slipping. Such roads also helped the farmers to convert their wagons into bobsleds by removing the wheels and substituting runners. Then bags of grain could be loaded and hauled to Akron's many mills. It was great sport for the kids to hop these low sleds - either loaded, going in, or the straw-covered boxes homeward bound.



STAGE COACH HOUSE

Many venerable hostelries and taverns that once catered to hoop-skirted women travelers and fishermen in beaver hats still cast their reflections on the Portage Lakes.

Oldest of these is the White House on Turkeyfoot Channel, built about 1820 by Adam Rex. Operator of a mill on the present site of Dietz' Landing, Rex bought the land in 1816 and built a tavern to serve the Cleveland-Massillon-Pittsburgh stages that traveled Turkeyfoot Lake Road.

Its bricks were shipped from Stark County. Oaken beams, notched to save on nails that cost seven cents apiece, were cut nearby. The floors were fastened with hand-forged, square-headed nails.

There once were fireplaces in every room of the "L" shaped structure.

But Rex -- he gave his name to one of the lakes -- went broke in the 1830's. John Thornton bought the tavern and 300 acres, turned it into a farm.

The estate became known as The Plantation. Samuel Thornton later tore down the north and west wings of the house to give it its present look.

At one time the family home was considered haunted. Parke H. Thornton of Turkeyfoot Lake Golf Links, who was born there, blames such stories on squirrels that stored nuts in the attic, rolled them around at night.

The Thorntons haven't lived in the old building since 1905. It became a tavern again in 1925, was painted white about 15 years ago.

There was just "too much house" for Parke or his brother and sisters to live in. They're glad it's once again being used for its original purpose.

FOUR GENERATIONS

This picture of four generations, taken at Lakeside Park Reunion in 1906, shows Grandma Thornton, her oldest daughter Elizabeth Steese, grandson Jay, and great grand-daughter Dorothy (Steese) Reiter.

RANDOM NOTES

BUTCHERING DAY

Butchering day at the Thornton Home was always an outstanding event. There were usually four or five hogs to be processed. Uncle Cyrus often used his rifle to kill the porkers and Billy Kepner from Coburn Street was chief butcher. He bossed the operations of cutting, getting the hams and bacon ready for the brine soak and the smoke house; making the sausage and liverwurst, getting the fat ready for the kettles to render the lard, etc. Mrs. Bittner, from Miami Street, was always there as well as many other helpers. Kepner and Mrs. Bittner were leaders in keeping all at a gay level with their antics, one of which was to hook a pig tail onto an unsuspecting victim. At noon Grandma Thornton always had a chicken dinner for the big party, and in the evening the supper was based on fresh sausage.

STREET CARS

In August 1883 Akron's first street railroad began operations and starting at Main and South Streets, it ran on to Howard and ended one block north of Market. On the opening day Barnum's Circus was in town and everybody from the city and countryside were out to see the usual parade. They also wanted to spend five cents for a ride on the new cars. There were only five cars and they were only about ten or twelve feet long, five windows on each side and a platform on either end so the driver could unhook his horse and attach it to the other end for the return trip. Uncle Houston Thornton was a driver on that August day and for a long time thereafter. An extra horse was available to assist in getting up the only hill, that on South Main Street.

AKRON FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

Long before telephones became available, Akron installed its own Fire Alarm System and at the Thornton Corner an Alarm Box, No. 14, was set up. Keys to the box were given to the Thornton and Hankey homes. To send the signal in, one had to get a key to open the box. A telegraph key was inside and you had to tap it - 1 then 1-2-3-4 and repeat this until you heard the fire bell down town toll out the same - No. 14 - number. The fire might have been pretty well along by this time, especially since the heavy horse-drawn fighting equipment was often compelled to pull over sandy or deep muddy streets.

SINGING ON THE LAWN

At one time, Samuel Thornton had his neighbor, Simon Hankey at his planing mill work shop build two eight-foot long seats, with ends and backs, which were placed in the front yard and he invited girls, who played with his two younger daughters, to sit and sing. There were, among others, three or four from the Keenan Family and a couple of Brannons. He would treat them with fruits and candies.

THE THORNTON FAMILY REUNIONS

For over two-thirds of a century the Thorntons in this vicinity have gotten together every August without a miss. As Reunions go, this is a record to be proud of and it is doubtful that any other "clan" can equal it.

It started in 1892 at Long Lake Park and for the first few years was known as the Warner-Kepler-Thornton gathering. These families were all Pennsylvania Dutch and were closely related but, except for the Thorntons, they seemed to lose interest and slowly dropped out; and the attendance dropped to less than a hundred.

A list of the locations of the gatherings follows:

1892 - 1894 - Long Lake Park, Warner-Kepler-Thornton. 1894 about 500 present and Akron's Eighth Regiment Band
1895 - 1914 - Lakeside Park (now Summit Beach). 1895 about 400 present
1915 - Chas. Thornton's Home, Stow Corners
1916 - Springfield Lake
1917 - 1921 - Parke H. Thornton's, 4000 Turkeyfoot Road
1922-1923 - Harry Dellenberger's on Turkeyfoot Channel
1924 - 1927 - Parke H. Thornton's, 4000 Turkeyfoot Road
1928 - 1948 - Gladys Pake's Home, 4012 Turkeyfoot Road
1949 - Kepler's Landing on Turkeyfoot Lake
1950 - 1959 - Harold Reiter's Farm - Copley - 603 S. Hametown Road

THORNTON REUNION 1928

MATTHEW THORNTON

Although some effort has been made, nothing has been affected in trying to tie the Matthew Thornton, who signed the Declaration of Independence, with our own family. Inquiry at Thornton and West Thornton on U. S. Route 3 in New Hampshire, where Matthew's home was located, failed to reveal any connection with our people who settled in Eastern Pennsylvania.

Thornton is supposed to be an English or Scotch name yet, as the story goes, the Thornton boys, over the years continued to marry Pennsylvania Dutch girls and the English feature was pretty well diluted. In fact, rumor has it that our own grandfather could not properly pronounce his own name. He said I am Sammy "Sornton."

PROPERTY GIVEN OR WILLED TO SAMUEL THORNTON'S TEN CHILDREN

AMAIS - 4-12-1875 - Book of Deeds, Vol. 94, p. 621, 41.63 acres Norton Township

ELIZABETH - 1868, house and lot, w. side of Main Street adjoining Buchtel farm

ELIZABETH & John Steese, 5 lots, Vol 67, p. 633, and about 40 acres farm land

VIANNA & Cornelius Guise, 1875, 113 acres Tallmadge (Monroe Falls)

AARON, 1875, 140.29 acres, west of Channel, Vol. 94, p. 498. Later Aaron sold from this, Turkeyfoot Island to Frank Lahm, a French balloonist who established the Club and a fine residential area on the Island.

MATILDA and Win Youtz, 120 acres, Coventry, 1879, Vol. 95, p. 126. This took in land that later became Firestone Blvd.

CYRUS, 1875 - 96.43 acres in Coventry.

HOUSTON, by will of Samuel Thornton - Book of Wills, #4, p. 458, the old Metlin farm in Coventry. This was south of Loyal Oak Road and n. w. of Greenlawn Cemetery on Romig Road.

MILTON, by will, the old homestead on the channel (150 acres of which now taken by the 27 hole golf course).

ELLEN) given the Akron homestead and all unsold portions of ori-
BELLE) ginal 206.97 acre farm purchased from John R. Buchtel, founder of Buchtel College, and $4,000 each.

MANY THANKS

In getting out this booklet, many thanks should go to Ruth Turner for the time and expense incurred in gathering data and getting many pictures. Also helping were Parke H. Thornton and Frances Freeman, and many others. Mrs. Lee Thornton, whose husband, a son of Will, a grandson of David, a brother of Samuel's, also furnished some of the earliest records.

David Thornton was established, by his father, on a farm which is opposite the Amusement Park on the Big Reservoir, at 3445 South Main Street, and which is now the home of the Carmelite Fathers.